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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Thomas EMRICH, *et al.*

Application No.: To Be Assigned

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For: Monoclonal Antibodies Against The Epitope YPYDVPDYA, A Process For Producing The Same And Their Use

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the captioned application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1-9.

Add new claims 10-17 as follows:

10. A monoclonal antibody against the epitope YPYDVPDYA, said antibody being derived from the haemagglutinin of the human influenza virus, or fragments thereof, and having an affinity of $> 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$.
11. A monoclonal antibody against the epitope YPYDVPDYA, said antibody being derived from the haemagglutinin of the human influenza virus, or fragments thereof, and having an affinity of $10^9 - 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}$.